



Carmel Fire Department

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Carmel Fire Department to add 6 new firefighters

Carmel, IN – Carmel Fire Department will welcome six new firefighters to its ranks this Friday during a graduation ceremony at the Monon Center at 7 p.m.. Carmel City Councilors and Fire Chief David Haboush will be at the event to help present badges to the new firefighters:

Justin Rutherford
Kent Anderson
Grant Russel
Michael Phillips
William Mueller
Jonathan Benge

In a fitting tribute, each of the new firefighters will be presented with their badge as a spouse, family member, or friend comes onto the stage for the pinning ceremony. Once the recruits take their Firefighter Oath of Office, they will transition from “recruits” to “probationary firefighters” for a one-year period in which they will be evaluated on the job to ensure they meet the department’s standards. They were hired in April to fill vacant spots of recently retired Carmel firefighters. “Each of these young men has spent many long days away from their family and friends and dedicated themselves to becoming professional public servants”, says Chief Haboush. “We are excited to see how each one will have a positive impact on the city and the citizens of Carmel for years to come.”

The firefighters have gone through months of demanding training to earn their Firefighter I & II, Hazardous Materials, and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certifications. In addition to more than 400 hours of state-required training, they also trained in several high-stress scenarios, including live burn flashover chambers, search and rescue training, and automobile extrication.

“Each firefighter has trained very hard in order to graduate and I am confident each one will far exceed the expectations of everyone on our department,” said Training Chief Jim Buttler.

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The new recruits will graduate from their seven-month training academy on Friday evening and be immediately added to the department's 24-hour shift schedule. Their first official day on the job will be Saturday.

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